



# Gay Buddhist Fellowship Newsletter

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## GBF Calendar

**4 May, Thursday, GBF Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at home of John Krowka,**

**14 May, Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m.** Peter Goetz and David Sunseri will share their experiences and memories of Zen Buddhist teacher Issan Dorsey-Roshi. Peter and David lived and practiced with Issan at Hartford Street Zen Center in the late 1980s.

**15 May, Monday, Newsletter Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.** For directions, call Mark Picciano:

**18 May, Thursday, Buddhism Study Group begins.** Pre-registration required. (See article on this page.)

**20 May, Saturday, GBF-sponsored Day of Meditation and Mindfulness.** Sangha House, 1800 Arch Street, Berkeley, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (See article on this page.)

**27 May, Saturday, GBF Potluck Dinner.** Information: Clint Seiter.

**28 May, Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m.** Open discussion.

**11 June, Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m.** Speaker: Eric Kolvig.

**25 June, Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m.** Open discussion.

**14-16 July, 4th Annual GBF Retreat.** Vajrapani Institute in Boulder Creek. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters. ♡

## GBF Sponsors Day of Meditation and Mindfulness

GBF will sponsor a silent, one-day sitting on Saturday, May 20, 1995, at Sangha House, 1800 Arch Street, in Berkeley, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The schedule will include sitting and walking meditation, and some brief dharma readings. Please bring a meditation cushion or bench and a bag lunch. Tea will be provided. Space is limited.

To register, please mail a check for \$10 payable to GBF to: GBF Sitting, 2261 Market Street #422, San Francisco, CA 94114. Include your name, address, and telephone number.

If you have any questions about the sitting, call the GBF voicemail line at 415/974-9878. Leave your name and number, and someone will return your call. ♡

## Another Earnest Experiment in Sangha



With an eye toward strengthening the ties of our spiritual community, I would like to explore the idea of GBF members sharing a monthly potluck dinner. This would not be anything elaborate, just an informal potluck once a month at a member's home.

I've tentatively selected May 27 as the first trial dinner. If there's enough interest in this idea, we can plan for future events. For more information, call Clint Seiter

## Study Group to Focus on Foundations of Buddhism

Beginning on Thursday, May 18, 1995, GBF will sponsor a free, seven-week study group focusing on the fundamentals of the Buddha's teaching. The group will include presentation and discussion of the Buddha's life, the Four Noble Truths, the Eight-Fold Path, and a general overview of the Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana traditions of Buddhism. The format will consist of readings of Buddhist texts, handouts, and general discussion.

The group will meet on seven consecutive Thursday evenings, May 18 through June 29, at the home of Alan Oliver. To register, please call the GBF voicemail line (415/974-9878) by May 11 and leave your name, address, and phone number. Someone will return your call and provide you with details about this offering.

Registration is limited due to space, so we ask that you make a commitment to attend all seven sessions. This will be a closed group after the first meeting. ♡

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